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DETAILED ACTION

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-9 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The group of fingers (1B) of the batch of gloves projecting through the slot (6) to the outside of the box so that each glove can only be separated from the batch when the one of its fingers that is inserted into the slot receives the force in a direction parallel to its longitudinal axis, in combination with the claims, are not made obvious by prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. McLaughlin and Blatz show dispensing apparatus' for stack of disposable gloves.

4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

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The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: reference numeral 6A. Correction is required.

The drawings are objected to because in Figure 3 reference numerals 13 and 14 appear to show the same numerals for two different parts. Correction is required.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The reference numerals 11, 12 and 13 are inconsistently referenced in the disclosure. On page 7, reference numeral 11 is referred to as "stop 11", on line 19; "plate 11" on lines 20, 22, and 24; and "extension 11" on line 25. On page 8, reference numeral 12 is referred to as "part 12" on line 22; and then as "the card 12" on lines 27 and 30. On page 8, reference 13 is referred to as "the stops 13" on lines 14 and 29; "rods 13" on line 15; and then as "perforations 13" on line 19 is also referred to as "dispenser 74" on page 13, line 14. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 9 is objected to because it includes reference characters which are not enclosed within parentheses. Reference numerals "3" and "1" in line 11, and reference numeral "1A" should be in parenthesis.

Reference characters corresponding to elements recited in the detailed description of the drawings and used in conjunction with the recitation of the same element or group of elements in the claims should be enclosed within parentheses so as to avoid confusion with other numbers or characters which may appear in the claims. See MPEP § 608.01(m).

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Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gene Crawford whose telephone number is (703) 305-9733.

GC

September 30, 1998

H. Grant Skagge Primary Examiner Art Unit 312

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